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telepho-ny (tə lēf'ə nē) *n.* 1 the science of telephonic transmission 2 the making or operation of telephones

Tele-photo (tel'ə fōt'ə) *trademark* for a TELEPHOTOGRAPH (sense 2) or a system of telephotography —*adj.* [t-] 1 TELEPHOTOGRAPHIC 2 designating or of a compound camera lens that produces a large image of a distant object

tele-photo-graph (tel'ə fōt'ə graf) *n.* 1 a photograph taken with a telephoto lens 2 a photograph transmitted by telephotography —*vt., vi.* 1 to take (photographs) with a telephoto lens 2 to transmit (photographs) by telephotography

tele-pho-tog-ra-phy (tel'ə fō tåg'rə fē) *n.* 1 the art or process of photographing distant objects by using a telephoto lens 2 the science or process of transmitting photographs over distances by converting light rays into electric signals which are sent over wire or radio channels; the receiver converts the electric signals back into light rays to which a photographic film is exposed —**tele-pho-to-graphic** (-fōt'ə graf'ik) *adj.*

★**tele-play** (tel'ə plā) *n.* a play or screenplay written for, or produced on, television

tele-por-ta-tion (tel'ə pōr tā'shən) *n.* [TELE- + (TRANS)PORTATION] the theoretical transportation of matter through space by converting it into energy and then reconverting it at the terminal point —**tele-port** *vt.*

tele-printer (tel'ə print'ər) *n.* TELETYPEWRITER

tele-process-ing (-prās'es in) *n.* data processing with computer terminals, over communication lines

★**tele-promp-ter** (tel'ə prāmp'tər) *n.* [*< TelePrompTer*, a former trademark] an electronic device that, unseen by the audience, scrolls a prepared speech, script, etc. line by line, as a prompting aid to a speaker or actor on television

★**tele-ran** (tel'ə ran') *n.* [tele(vision) r(adar) a(ir) n(avigation)] an electronic aid to aerial navigation by which data received by radar, maps of the terrain, etc. are transmitted to aircraft by television

tele-scope (tel'ə skōp) *n.* [It *telescopio* (coined by GALILEO, 1611) < ModL *telescopium* < Gr *teleskopos*, seeing from a distance; see TELE- & -SCOPE] an optical instrument for making distant objects, as the stars, appear nearer and consequently larger; it consists of two or more lenses or mirrors —*adj.* having parts that slide one inside another —*vi.* —**scop-ed**, —**scop-ing** to slide or be forced one into another like the concentric tubes of a small, collapsible telescope —*vt.* 1 to cause to telescope 2 to condense; shorten, as by combining parts, compressing, etc.

tele-scopic (tel'ə skōp'ik) *adj.* 1 of a telescope or telescopes 2 seen or obtained by a telescope 3 visible only with the aid of a telescope 4 having distant vision: said esp. of a sight or lens that apparently enlarges distant objects 5 having sections that slide one inside another [a telescopic drinking tumbler] Also **tele-scop'i-cal** —**tele-scop'i-cally** *adv.*

Tele-sco-pi-um (tel'ə skōp'ē əm) *n.* a S constellation between Sagittarius and Pavo

te-les-copy (tə les'kə pē) *n.* the art or practice of using a telescope —**te-les'-co-pist** *n.*

★**tel-es-is** (tel'ə sis) *n.* [ModL < Gr *telein*, to fulfill, complete < *telos*, an end; see TELO-²] the purposeful use of natural and social forces; planned progress

tele-spec-tro-scope (tel'ə spek'trə skōp') *n.* an instrument combining a telescope and a spectroscope, for producing the spectra of stars

tel-es-the-sia (tel'əs thē'zhə, -zē ə) *n.* [ModL; see TELE- & ESTHESIA] Parapsychology extrasensory perception of distant objects, events, etc. —**tel'-es-the'tic** (-thet'ik) *adj.*

te-les-tich or **te-les-tic** (tə les'tik, tel'ə stik') *n.* [*< Gr telos*, an end (see TELO-²) + *stichos*, a line (see STICH), modeled on ACROSTIC] an acrostic in which the last letters of the lines spell a word or words when taken in order

tele-text (tel'ə tekst') *n.* a communications service in which information, as news, is superimposed onto a television signal and broadcast to home television sets

★**tele-thon** (tel'ə thən') *n.* [TELE(VISION) + (MARA)THON] a campaign, as on a lengthy telecast, seeking support for a cause, as by pledged donations made by telephone

★**Tele-type** (tel'ə tip') *trademark* for a former kind of telegraphic apparatus that printed messages typed on the keyboard of the transmitter

★**tele-type-writer** (tel'ə tip'rīt'ər) *n.* a form of telegraph in which the receiver prints messages typed on the keyboard (like that of a typewriter) of the transmitter: the striking of the keys produces electrical impulses that activate the corresponding keys on the receiver

te-leu-to-spore (tə lōōt'ō spōr') *n.* [*< Gr teleutē*, completion, end < *telos*, end (see TELO-²) + *spore*] TELIOSPORE —**te-leu'-to-spor'ic** *adj.*

★**tel-evan-gelist** (tel'ə van'jə list) *n.* a minister who uses TV broadcasts or cablecasts to spread an evangelistic message, solicit donations, etc. —**tel'-evan'-gelism**' (-liz'əm) *n.*

tele-vise (tel'ə viz') *vt., vi.* —**vis-ed**, —**vis-ing** to put (something) on, or transmit (something) by, television —**tel'e-vi'-sor** *n.*

tele-vision (tel'ə vizh'ən) *n.* [TELE- + VISION] 1 the practice or science of transmitting scenes or views by radio or, sometimes, by

wire: the television transmitter, by means of a camera tube, such as an image orthicon or vidicon, converts light rays into electric signals for modulation upon a radio carrier wave or for transmission over wires; the television receiver reconverts the signals into electron beams that are projected against the fluorescent screen of the kinescope, or picture tube, reproducing the original image 2 a) broadcasting by television as an industry, entertainment, art, etc. b) all the facilities and related activities of such broadcasting 3 a television receiving set 4 a television program or programs [they watched television last night] —*adj.* of, using, used in, or sent by television —**tel'e-vi'-sional** *adj.* —**tel'e-vi'-sion-ally** *adv.*

tele-vis-ual (tel'ə vizh'ū əl) *adj.* of or having to do with television, esp. the visual aspect of a television program or broadcast

telex (tel'eks') *n.* [TEL(ETYPewriter) + EX(CHANGE)] 1 a teletypewriter using a telephone dial to establish connections 2 a message sent in this way —*vt.* to send (a message) by telex

te-li-al (tē'lē əl, tel'ē-) *adj.* 1 of a telium 2 designating or of the final stage in the life cycle of the rust fungi

te-lic (tē'lik, tel'ik) *adj.* [Gr *telikos* < *telos*, an end; see TELO-²] 1 directed toward an end; purposeful 2 *Linguistics*. PERFECTIVE Opposed to ATELIC

te-lio-spore (tē'lē ō spōr', tel'ē ō-) *n.* [*< fol.* + *spore*] a thick-walled resting spore that develops in late summer during the telial stage of the rust fungi and germinates the next spring —**te-lio-spor'ic** *adj.*

te-li-um (tē'lē əm, tel'ē-) *n., pl. -lia* (-ə) [ModL < Gr *teleios*, complete < Gr *telos*, an end; see TELO-²] the teliospore-bearing sorus of the rust fungi

tell¹ (tel) *vt.* told, **tell'-ing** [ME *tellen* < OE *tellan*, lit., to calculate, reckon < Gmc **taljan* > Ger *zahl*, number; see TALE] 1 to enumerate; count; reckon [to tell time] 2 to give an account of (a story, etc.) in speech or writing 3 to express in words; utter; say [to tell the truth] 4 to report; announce; publish 5 to reveal; disclose; make known [a smile that told her joy] 6 to recognize; distinguish; discriminate [unable to tell one from the other] 7 to decide; know [one can't tell what will happen] 8 to let know; inform; acquaint [tell me about the game] 9 to request; direct; order; command [tell him to leave] 10 to state emphatically to [it's there, I tell you] —*vi.* 1 to give an account or description (of something) 2 to give evidence or be an indication (of something) 3 to carry tales; reveal secrets [to kiss and tell] 4 to produce a result; be effective; have a marked effect [efforts that are beginning to tell] —**SYN.** REVEAL¹ —***do tell!** [Informal] is that a fact?: often used sarcastically —**tell off** 1 to count (persons, etc.) and separate them from the total number 2 [Informal] to rebuke severely —**tell on** 1 to have a marked, usually adverse, effect on 2 [Informal] to inform against or gossip about

tell² (tel) *n.* [Ar *tall*, a mound] Archaeol. esp. in the Middle East, a large mound or hill, built up gradually, covering the successive remains of ancient communities

Tell (tel), William see WILLIAM TELL

tell-able (tel'ə bəl) *adj.* 1 that can be told 2 worth being told

tell-all (tel'ōl') *adj.* designating or of a book, magazine article, interview, etc., esp. an autobiographical one, that reveals personal, often scandalous, information

teller (tel'ər) *n.* 1 a person who tells (a story, etc.); narrator; recounter 2 a person who counts; specif., a) one who counts votes, as in a legislative body b) a bank clerk who pays out or receives money

Tel-ler (tel'ər), Edward 1908-; U.S. nuclear physicist, born in Hungary

tell-ing (tel'ing) *adj.* 1 having an effect; forceful; striking [a telling retort] 2 that tells or reveals much —**tell'-ingly** *adv.*

tell-tale (tel'tāl') *n.* 1 a person who tells secrets or informs; talebearer; tattler 2 an outward indication of something secret 3 any of various devices for indicating or recording information; indicator; specif., a) a row of dangling ropes, etc. hung over a railroad track to warn trainmen, riding on top of a car, of an approaching low bridge, tunnel, etc. b) a device indicating the position of a ship's rudder c) a time clock d) a gauge on a pipe organ showing the air pressure —*adj.* revealing or indicating that which is hidden or meant to be secret [the telltale smell of alcohol on his breath]

tel-lu-rian (te lōor'ē ən, tə-) *adj.* [*< L tellus*, gen. *telluris*, the earth (< IE base **telō-*, flat surface > THILL, DEAL³) + -AN] of the earth; terrestrial —*n.* 1 an inhabitant of the earth 2 an apparatus for demonstrating how the earth's position and movement (diurnal rotation, annual revolution, etc.) cause day and night and the cycle of the seasons: also **tel-lu'-rion** (-ān', -ən)

tel-lu-ric¹ (te lōor'ik, tə-) *adj.* of, derived from, or containing tellurium, esp. in a higher valence than in the corresponding tellurous compounds

tel-lu-ric² (te lōor'ik, tə-) *adj.* 1 terrestrial; tellurian 2 of or arising from the earth, or soil

telluric acid a heavy, white, crystalline acid, H₂TeO₄

tel-lu-ride (tel'yōō rid', -yə-) *n.* a compound of tellurium combined with an electropositive element or with a radical

tel-lu-rite (tel'yōō rit', -yə-) *n.* 1 a salt of tellurous acid 2 native tellurium dioxide, TeO₂

tel-lu-rium (te lōor'ē əm, tə-) *n.* [ModL; coined (1798) by M. H. Klaproth (1743-1817), Ger chemist, for element discovered (1783) by F. J. M. von Reichenstein, Austrian mineralogist < L *tellus*, earth (see TELLURIAN) + -IUM, in contrast to URANIUM] a rare, tin-white, brittle, nonmetallic chemical element, belonging to the same family of elements as sulfur and selenium and occurring naturally in mineral tellurite and tellurides: it is used as a glass tint, as an alloying material, and in thermoelectric converters: symbol, Te; at.